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STRATFORD-ON-AVON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

A N N U A L R E P O R T

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year

1948.



To: The Chairman and Members of Stratford-on-Avon Rural
District Council.

I beg to submit herewith my report for the year 1948
which is on similar lines to the report for the year
1947.

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Medical Officer of Health.

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Stratford-on-Avon.

Estimated population 18,010

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	145(170)	153(150)	298(320)
Illegitimate	13 (10)	8 (10)	21 (20)

Birth rate per 1,000 estimated population - 17.7 (19.8)

<u>STILLBIRTHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1 (5)	3 (3)	4 (8)
Illegitimate	- (1)	1 (2)	1 (3)

Rate per 1,000 (live and stillbirths) 15.4 (31.3)

<u>DEATHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
	107 (116)	71 (93)	178(209)

Death rate per 1,000 estimated population - 9.9 (12.2)

DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL CAUSES.....NIL

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	7	6	13
Illegitimate	1	1	2

Rate: All infants per 1,000 live births 47.0(41.0)

Deaths from Measles (all ages).....	Nil
" " Whooping Cough (all ages).....	Nil
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years).....	2
" " Congenital Malformation and birth Injuries....	7
Premature Births.....	2

N.B. Figures in brackets are for 1947.

TUBERCULOSIS

The following tables show (1) the incidence of Tuberculosis and (2) deaths from Tuberculosis:

Age Period	<u>NEW CASES</u>				<u>DEATHS</u>			
	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>		<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - 1								
1 - 5								
5 -10			1					
10-15			1	1				
15-20	5	1						
20-25	2	1			2			
25-35	2	1		1	1			
35-45	1							
45-55		2					1	
55-65	1		1			1		
65 and upwards								
Age un-known								
TOTALS	11	5	3	2	3	1	1	

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

The number of children immunised from 1st January to 4th July, 1948 was

<u>Under 5 years</u>	<u>5-14 years</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Booster</u>
91	6	97	58

On the 5th July this service became a County Council responsibility under the National Health Act, 1946.

CAUSES OF DEATH

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Tuberculosis (of respiratory system)	1	1
Tuberculosis (other forms)	1	-
Ac. Polio-myelitis and polio encephalitis	2	-
Cancer of stomach and duodenum	3	1
Cancer of breast	-	3
Cancer of other sites	15	10
Intracranial vascular lesions	11	13
Heart diseases	21	19
Other diseases of circ. system	7	5
Bronchitis	8	3
Pneumonia	6	2
Other respiratory diseases	1	-
Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	1	1
Other digestive diseases	4	1
Nephritis	1	-
Premature births	1	1
Cong. Mal: birth injuries: infant diseases	4	3
Suicide	1	-
Road traffic accidents	-	2
Other violent causes	3	-
All other causes	<u>16</u>	<u>6</u>
TOTAL	<u>107</u>	<u>71</u>

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (AGE GROUPS)

DISEASES	0-1	1-3	3-5	5-10	10-15	15-25	25-45	45-65	Over 65	Age un- k'n	To-Adm tal: to Hos
Scarlet Fever			2	13	2	2	4				23 18
Whooping Cough	6	10	14	14	1	1	1				47
Pneumonia		3	3	3		8		3	1		21 4
Poliomyel- itis						1					1 1
Erysipelas						1		2			3 1
Measles	6	37	44	116	35	2	5			5	250
Cerebro- Spinal-fever			1								1 1
Diphtheria		1			1						2 2
Puerperal Pyrexia						1	2				3 1
Polioenceph- alitis					1						1 1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	2										2 1

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health
(including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors)

Premises	No. on Register	Number of		Occupiers Prosecuted
		Inspections	Written Notices	
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	18	18	3	Nil
Factories not included in above in which Sect. 7 is enforced	32	16	1	Nil
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced (excluding out-workers' premises)	17	5	3	Nil
TOTAL	67	39	7	Nil

2. Cases in which Defects were found

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Number of cases referred		No. of prosecutions
			to H.M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness	5	5	Nil	Nil	Nil
Overcrowding	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Unreasonable temperature	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Inadequate ventilation	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ineffective drainage of floors	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sanitary Conveniences:-					
(a) Insufficient	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
(b) Unsuitable of defective	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(c) Not separate for sexes	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	9	9	Nil	Nil	Nil

REPORT ON WATER SUPPLIES

Water Main Extensions

During the year ended 31st December, 1948, the water supplies have been satisfactory, both as regards quantity and quality, with the exceptions noted below:

(1) Snitterfield:

An extension from Snitterfield Park, embracing that part of the village fronting White Horse Hill and Bearley Road, has been undertaken, and many of the cottages and houses adjacent to this main are receiving supplies therefrom.

(2) Henley-in-Arden:

An extension off the Claverdon section has been taken along the new road to Blackford Pastures, the Council's housing site, in order to afford a supply to the new houses, both permanent and temporary.

(3) Alderminster:

This Parish has a piped supply since the last report, and almost every cottage and house has been connected to this main. This supply has relieved the desperate position which has existed in this village during the past 5 years, due to the poor yields from the shallow wells.

(4) General:

Due to the further extensions undertaken, 50% of the houses in this Rural District are now connected to a piped supply or standpipes.

Water Shortages:

The following Parishes experienced shortages of water during the year:

(1) Loxley:

The normal supply for this village is from springs, but owing to the fall off in their yield during the summer months, it was again necessary to resort to pumping water from an emergency supply from the well adjoining the reservoir.

(2) Long Marston and Dorsington:

Some difficulty was experienced in supplying these villages from the main fed from the Evesham Rural source, and consequently it was found necessary to connect with the North Cotswold source, as a result, no further difficulties have been experienced.

(3) Bearley:

The whole supply for this village, including the Camp site which have been taken over by the Council for housing purposes, is still being obtained from the high level tank at the R.A.F. Station, Snitterfield.

(4) Henley-in-Arden:

Difficulties have been encountered in respect to the supply from the Birmingham source due to the inadequate size of the main from Hockley Heath.

During some part of the year it was found necessary to augment this supply by the use of water from the Forde Hall reservoir.

(5) Kineton:

The yield of the springs at King John's well and Brookhampton, fell during the summer period, and consequently it was found necessary to obtain water from the borehole.

It is intended to assist the high levels at Kineton by the provision of "Boosting Plant" at the pumping station.